



# Neighborhood Association Monthly Report

**June 2021**

**City of South Bend**



**CITY OF SOUTH BEND  
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

**Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team**

# Neighborhood Overview

"When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble too difficult to overcome."  
Wilma Rudolph



## 10 Neighborhoods held meetings in June!

	Future	Past
Far Northwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will be hosting two membership meetings on July 12th and 16th at the Landing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Working group finalizing plans for Meade St development project</li><li>Compiling list of minority sub-contractors</li></ul>
Kennedy Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Talk with neighbors and Henry Davis about housing in the neighborhood</li></ul>	
Lincoln-Bendix Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Would like a Health Fair</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Had a meeting about Food Security in the neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods</li></ul>
Miami Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plan to use 2 services from the Service Catalog</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Did not meet</li></ul>
Monroe Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway on August 8th</li><li>Harvest Festival in the fall</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Neighbor has agreed to be new FB administrator</li><li>Hosted Poetry &amp; Music Festival - served pizza</li></ul>
Near Westside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continues to be engaged with planners about Near Westside plans</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adam Toering talked about historical tax credits</li></ul>
NNN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Continued work on lead outreach initiative</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hosted 7th and final Conversation Circle on race in June</li></ul>
River Park Business Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meeting in person</li><li>YWCA sponsorship for live strong</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Looking at city grant information</li></ul>
River Park Neighborhood Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>August 14th clean up</li><li>T-Shirt contest to finish</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>T-shirt contest begun</li></ul>
Rum Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Created and printed flyers for a bigger meeting about traffic calming</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meet in person</li><li>Tim Corcoran spoke about neighborhood plans; Kara Boyles talked traffic calming</li></ul>
SOAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Planning Neighborhood Yard Sale and Picnic</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>County Prosecutor Ken Cotter spoke to residents about crime in the neighborhood</li></ul>
East Bank Business Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Building membership and organizing</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Met with City personnel to discuss zoning/plans for East Bank facades</li></ul>



# More Resources

## For You and Your Neighborhood

### Neighborhoods Consortium

The next meeting will be held on July 7th 7pm-8:30pm. This meeting will be in a hybrid fashion hosted physically in the TRC with the zoom link sent out to neighborhood representatives. The big highlights of this meeting will be the guiding principles and topics for the next events.



Contact [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for more information.

### Digital Neighborhood

Digital Communication Grants



Because of COVID-19 social distancing policies, neighborhood associations are finding it difficult to engage with residents. To help them connect, the City of South Bend's Love Your Block program is offering a **free annual subscription to an online video conferencing service** for 12 months. N.A.s can receive **free technical assistance** from CoSB to set up this software. N.A.s can also apply to receive a **free phone/tablet stand** to record and live stream in-person meetings once social distancing rules expire.

To apply, visit:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BsvdvktdEG>

### Contact The Chief of Police

The South Bend Police Department has offered to send an officer to neighborhood association meetings (or attend virtually), per request. If interested, or if you have questions or concerns, please contact:

**Chief of Police, Scott Ruskowski, at**  
**[sruszkow@southbendin.gov](mailto:sruszkow@southbendin.gov)**

**OR**

**Patrol Division Chief, Eric Crittendon,**  
**at [ecritten@southbendin.gov](mailto:ecritten@southbendin.gov)**

### Citywide Classroom



Students enrolled in the SBCSC, live in the SBCSC district, and are on free or reduced lunch may be eligible for one year of free internet. To apply, all you need to do is call the school the child is enrolled in, do the application over the phone, and then receive the free internet.

To learn more visit: [CitywideClassroomSB.org](http://CitywideClassroomSB.org), contact them at 574-703-1881 (call or text), or email [info@citywideclassroomsb.org](mailto:info@citywideclassroomsb.org)

### Indiana Rental/ Utility Assistance

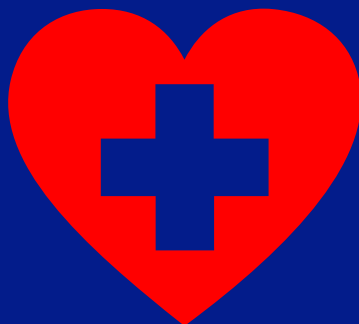


The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) has closed its application portal. All applications are under review. If you still need assistance, the City has information about rent and utility assistance at <https://southbendin.gov/covid-19-resources-support/covid-19-utility-support>. At that site are all the local assistance programs and contact information. If there are any questions, please email [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov) for more information.

# What's Happening in South Bend?

## Where and How to get the COVID-19 Vaccine

The COVID-19 Vaccine is currently available to all Hoosiers over the age of 12. Please get vaccinated! Vaccination not only protects you from severe COVID-19 but also protects the vulnerable around you.



If you are eligible to receive the vaccine, you can find the link below.

<https://vaccine.coronavirus.in.gov/>

## Lead Protection Program Grants

The City has grants for helping make homes with young children safe from lead paint at **no cost** to the homeowner.

Despite COVID-19, **the City is still accepting applications for the grant program**, although repairs won't begin until it is deemed safe to do so. Applicants will have their household's income verified, and won't be enrolled in the program until both the application and any required supporting documentation are submitted.

**Interested in applying or hosting a presentation about the program at your neighborhood association meeting?**

Contact Elizabeth Maradik at [leadgrants@southbendin.gov](mailto:leadgrants@southbendin.gov) or (574) 235-5826.

## Emergency Rental Assistance Program

St. Joseph County's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) is designed to decrease evictions, increase housing stability, and prevent homelessness by helping tenants whose income has been negatively impacted by COVID-19 with rent and utility payments.

ERA can provide eligible tenants with up to twelve (12) months of rental assistance. Utility assistance may also be provided to qualifying applicants for past due utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, and trash) and home energy (fuel oil, wood, coal, pellets, and propane) expenses.

Below is the link for tenants to fill out:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant>

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-tenant-spanish>

Below is the link for landlord to fill out for tenants:

<https://sjcindiana.communityos.org/initial-landlord-entry>

## Questions?

To contact a specific Neighborhood Association, or for more information about this report, please email the Engagement and Economic Empowerment Team at [eee@southbendin.gov](mailto:eee@southbendin.gov).